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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 28 August 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2, 3</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Benton, U.S. Patent No. 4,454,414. Referring to claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-20, 23-29, 31, 32, Benton discloses a fund transfer system wherein a first portable module (token), point of sale terminal (control point), and a central computer (token issuer) are used to complete financial transfers. The first portable module establishes a bi-directional communication with the point of sale terminal, and the portable module is authenticated using identification information from the module such as a PIN number (Abstract, Col. 6, lines 21-37), which meets the limitations of presenting a token to said control point, authenticating the token at the control point, control point authorizing said action based on information provided by said token, and wherein said action comprises a financial transaction and access control. The first portable module (token), point of sale terminal (control point), and central computer (token issuer) all communicate via bi-directional communication pads which are established using handshaking protocols (authentication)(Col. 8, lines 15-52), which meets the limitations of authenticating said control point using said token and authenticating online between said token and said token issuer.

Referring to claims 4, 14, Benton disclose communication via bi-directional communication pads which are wireless in nature (Col. 8, lines 15-52).

Referring to claims 21, 22, Benton discloses that the portable module (token) and the point of sale terminal (control point) contain storage capacity (database) for storing of transaction information and id numbers for the respective entities (Col. 6, lines 21-37).

Referring to claims 30, Benton discloses that the portable module contains a display for transaction information (Fig. 1).

Drawings

3. New corrected drawings are required in this application because lines, letters, and numbers are not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsperson outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Black, U.S. Patent No. 6,307,956

Kawan, U.S. Patent No. 5,796,832

Rikuna, U.S. Patent No. 4,827,113

Caputo, U.S. Patent No. 5,878,142

Rosen, U.S. Patent No. 4,731,841

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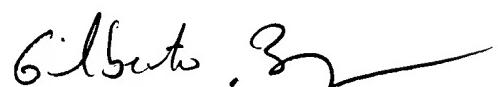
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin E Lanier whose telephone number is 703-305-7684. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30am-5:00pm, F 7:30am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (703)305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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